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Shape fibrations for topological spaces

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The notion of a shape fibration $p:E \rightarrow B$ was first introduced in [4] for the case when p is a map of metric compacta. In order to generalize it so as to apply to maps of arbitrary topological spaces, the author has introduced the notion of a resolution of a space and that of a resolution of a map [3].

Definition 1. A resolution of a topological space E consists of an inverse system $\underline{E} = (E_\lambda, p_{\lambda\lambda'}, \Lambda)$ of topological spaces and of a map of systems $\underline{q} = (q_\lambda): \underline{E} \rightarrow \underline{E}$ such that the following two conditions hold:

(R₁) If P is a polyhedron, \mathcal{U} is an open covering of P and $h:E \rightarrow P$ is a map, then there exist a $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and a map $f:E_\lambda \rightarrow P$ such that the maps fp_λ and h are \mathcal{U} -near.

(R₂) If P is a polyhedron and \mathcal{U} is an open covering of P , then there exists an open covering \mathcal{V} of P with the following property: whenever $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and $f, f':E_\lambda \rightarrow P$ are maps such that the maps fp_λ and $f'p_\lambda$ are \mathcal{V} -near, then there exists a $\lambda' \geq \lambda$ such that the maps $fp_{\lambda\lambda'}$ and $f'p_{\lambda\lambda'}$ are \mathcal{U} -near.

If all E_λ are polyhedra, the resolution is called polyhedral.

Definition 2. A resolution of a map $p:E \rightarrow B$ consists of resolutions $\underline{q}:E \rightarrow \underline{E}$, $\underline{r}:B \rightarrow \underline{B}$ and of a map of systems $\underline{p}:\underline{E} \rightarrow \underline{B}$ such that

$$\underline{p} \underline{q} = \underline{r} \underline{p}.$$

The resolution is polyhedral if \underline{q} and \underline{r} are polyhedral resolutions.

Definition 3. A level map of systems $\underline{p} = (p_\lambda): \underline{E} \rightarrow \underline{B}$ has the approximate homotopy lifting property (AHLP) provided for every $\lambda \in \Lambda$, normal covering \mathcal{U} of E_λ and normal covering \mathcal{V} of B_λ there exist a $\lambda' \geq \lambda$ and a normal covering \mathcal{W} of $B_{\lambda'}$ such that the following condition holds. Whenever $h: X \rightarrow E_\lambda$, and $H: X \times I \rightarrow B_{\lambda'}$ are maps such that H_0 and $p_{\lambda'} \circ h$ are \mathcal{W} -near, then there exists a homotopy $\tilde{H}: X \times I \rightarrow E_{\lambda'}$ such that \tilde{H}_0 and $q_{\lambda\lambda'} \circ h$ are \mathcal{U} -near and $p_{\lambda'} \circ \tilde{H}$ and $r_{\lambda\lambda'} \circ H$ are \mathcal{V} -near.

Definition 4. A map $p: E \rightarrow B$ is a shape fibration if there exists a polyhedral resolution $(\underline{q}, \underline{r}, \underline{p})$ of p such that \underline{p} is a level map of systems with the AHLP.

The original definition of a shape fibration, given in [3] did not assume that \underline{p} was a level map of systems. In that more general case the AHLP assumes a more complicated form. However, the notion of shape fibration remains the same. This was proved by Q. Haxhibeqiri in [1]. Moreover, his arguments together with the ones from [3] prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. Every map $p: E \rightarrow B$ of topological spaces admits a polyhedral resolution $(\underline{q}, \underline{r}, \underline{p})$, where \underline{p} is a level map of systems.

The next theorem is also a consequence of [1] and [3].

Theorem 2. Let $(\underline{q}, \underline{r}, \underline{p})$ and $(\underline{q}', \underline{r}', \underline{p}')$ be two polyhedral resolutions of the same map $p: E \rightarrow B$ and let \underline{p} and \underline{p}' be level maps of systems. If \underline{p} has the AHLP, then so does \underline{p}' .

The next two theorems are proved in [2].

Theorem 3. Let $p: E \rightarrow B$ be a shape fibration, let $B_0 \subset B$ be a closed subset, let $E_0 = p^{-1}(B_0)$ and let $p_0 = p|_{E_0}: E_0 \rightarrow B_0$. If B is normal, B_0 and E_0 are P -embedded in B and E respectively and p is a closed map, then p_0 is also a shape fibration.

Theorem 4. Let $p: E \rightarrow B$ be a shape fibration, let $e \in E$, $b = p(e)$, $F = p^{-1}(b)$. If B is normal, F is P -embedded in E and p is a closed map, then p induces an isomorphism of the homotopy pro-groups $\text{pro-}\pi_n(E, F, e) \rightarrow \text{pro-}\pi_n(B, b)$. Moreover, the following sequence of pro-groups is exact

$$\cdots \rightarrow \text{pro-}\pi_n(F, e) \rightarrow \text{pro-}\pi_n(E, e) \rightarrow \text{pro-}\pi_n(B, b) \rightarrow \text{pro-}\pi_{n-1}(F, e) \rightarrow \cdots$$

In the proof of these theorems one uses the following result from [5].

Theorem 5. Let X be a space and $X_0 \subset X$ a subspace. If X_0 is P -embedded in X , then there exists an inverse system of polyhedral pairs $(\underline{X}, \underline{X}_0)$ and a map of systems $\underline{p}: (X, X_0) \rightarrow (\underline{X}, \underline{X}_0)$ such that $\underline{p}: X \rightarrow \underline{X}$ and $\underline{p}_0 = \underline{p}|_{X_0}: X_0 \rightarrow \underline{X}_0$ are resolutions.

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